

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A suspension system for motor vehicles, comprising:
a piston-cylinder assembly having a working cylinder, a piston rod guidably inserted in a piston rod guide ~~in~~ fitted to said working cylinder, a damping piston having damping valves, said damping piston being movably arranged in said working cylinder and connected to said piston rod, an enclosed envelope body provided as in an equalization space, wherein a wall of said enclosed envelope is a gas-tight blocking layer having a changeable shape, and a connecting element held in said piston rod guide, wherein said connecting element is connected to said enclosed envelope and non-detachably inserted into a ~~drilled hole defined~~ bore in said piston rod guide for connecting said enclosed envelope to a flow connection, said bore having a circumferential groove and a resilient securing ring in said groove, said connecting element having a shoulder which is engaged by said securing ring to prevent withdrawal of said connecting element from said bore.

2. (canceled)

3. (canceled)

4. (original) The suspension system of claim 2, wherein said securing ring is expandable into a groove base of said groove.

5. (currently amended) The suspension system of claim 2, wherein said ~~drilled hole~~ bore has an opening facing said enclosed envelope and said securing ring has an insertion slope which slopes radially outward toward said opening of said ~~drilled hole~~ bore.

6. (currently amended) The suspension system of claim 1, further comprising a bushing ~~inserted~~ fitted in said ~~drilled hole~~ bore, said bushing defining ~~at least a portion~~ a side of said groove.

7. (currently amended) The suspension system of claim 1, further comprising a seal arranged in said ~~drilled hole~~ bore.

8. (currently amended) The suspension system of claim 2, wherein a first end of said connecting element is inserted in said ~~drilled hole~~ bore and said ~~supporting surface~~ shoulder faces away from said first end.

9. (new) The suspension system of claim 1 wherein the envelope body has an end weld, the connecting element being fixed in the end weld.

10. (new) The suspension system of claim 1 wherein the securing ring is a snap ring.